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Soviets from the USSR

1. It is difficult to estimate the number of Soviets in Peiping because the city serves as a distribution center for Soviets going to areas farther south.
2. Soviets arriving from the USSR are met at the railway station by a representative of the Soviet consulate general in Peiping, and are then taken by car to the Hotel du Nord, Peking Hotel, or to a private house. Those who go to hotels register by number only, and their luggage bears no marks of personal identification. A newcomer was overheard warning a colleague never to address him by name in public. One group of advisers changed living quarters three times in the course of a week.
3. In March 1950 the newly arrived Soviets in Peiping were less concentrated in hotels than formerly*, and more were billeted in private dwellings throughout the city. A large mess hall for Soviets was being established near Fudan University.
4. A large number of the new Soviets in Peiping wear a sort of uniform, consisting of leather jacket, blue trousers, and boots. These are young, hard-looking men who do not appear to be advisers. Soviet army uniforms are worn by some of the personnel of the office of the Soviet military attache. In February 1950 three or four men in MVD uniforms were observed.
5. In March 1950 there were 280 to 300 Soviets at South Field, Peiping**. These men are taken directly to the airfield from the station when they arrive, and are not subsequently seen in Peiping except in large, controlled groups. They are reported to be complaining bitterly about the short rations they receive at South Field.
6. Soviet advisers are attached to the Chinese Communist Ministry of Trade***. In March 1950 there were four Soviets in the Peiping Power and Light Administration, and a group of Soviets was to be observed daily entering the Central Trade Union Building.

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7. The building at 15 Legation Street is kept under strict security guard.**** It is visited by diplomats of the satellite nations, by Soviets, and by some Chinese, but with increased security precautions visitors are less numerous than in October 1949. It is the most heavily guarded installation in Peiping.
8. Rogov, of TASS has temporary headquarters in the Soviet compound.
9. Andrei M. Ledovsky has been seen in Peiping.*****
10. The man in charge of the grounds of the Soviet compound is named Ulianov.

Soviet Community

11. P. P. Rebrin, formerly reported as unofficial legal adviser to the Soviet consulate general in Peiping, appears to be more active and in a more important position than before.*****
12. The Soviet Citizens' Association (SCA) in Peiping plays a smaller part in the community life than formerly, partly as the result of the sharp cleavage maintained between the local Soviets and those newly arrived. The new consul general, S. S. Seregin, exerts a strict control over such SCA activities as still exist, and is criticized for his severity.
13. The Soviet Citizens' Club, at the rear of the USSR Embassy compound, is well attended. Some of the advisers go to the Club, and only the Soviets at South Field are kept strictly aloof from it.
14. Soviets in Peiping generally enjoy greater freedom than other foreigners as regards entry to and exit from the city. For more extensive travel they must obtain permission from the Soviet Embassy or consulate general. Seregin handles such matters.
15. The only local Soviet who has taken part in any parades or other public celebrations is a man who seems to be in charge of a language group in the middle schools of the city.
16. With the exception of Rebrin, local Soviets in Peiping are not employed in the various Soviet installations in the city except in schools.

Sino-Soviet Friendship Association

17. No local Soviets are known to be members of the Sino-Soviet Friendship Association in Peiping. Soviet lecturers occasionally address meetings of this organization, which does not seem to be having a great success with the Chinese.

Russian Language Instruction

18. There is a great demand for Russian language teachers in Peiping, but English is still more popular than Russian at Tsinghua and Yenching Universities.

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 25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment. The number was reported as 800 in December
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 all Ministries have Soviet advisers, and at all levels.
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 25X1A ***** [REDACTED] Comment. In May 1949 Ledovsky was reported as
 diplomatic secretary at the Soviet Embassy, Peking.
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